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A RESOLUTION to honor Martin and Sandra Walker of Maryville upon their great munificence.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those estimable citizens who have given selflessly of themselves to nurture and assist children in need; and

WHEREAS, Martin and Sandra Walker of Maryville are two such exemplary citizens, exhibiting their Good Samaritanism in their daily lives to the great benefit of their community; and

WHEREAS, Martin Walker serves with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Maryville High School and his wife Sandra is a university employee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Walker assured their place in heaven when they provided a safe and loving home and conducive learning environment for an unhappy young lady named Christie Elizabeth Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Christie has since expressed her great love and appreciation for the Walkers by adopting their surname as her own, and she describes the Walkers as the "greatest parents in the world"; and

WHEREAS, Martin and Sandra Walker have truly proven themselves to be honorable and compassionate human beings as they have provided Christie with a wonderful home and the continued support she has needed to achieve academic success; and

WHEREAS, Christie Walker has exhibited great stamina and perseverance to overcome adversities against overwhelming odds; and

WHEREAS, Christie recently graduated in the top twenty-five percent (60th of 240) of her class from Maryville High School, and has received a \$1000 scholarship to further her education at a university of her choice; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young lady has been able to achieve her goals as a result of the unconditional love and wise counsel of the "greatest parents in the world", Martin and Sandra Walker of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, this heartwarming success story would not have been possible without the love and guidance of Martin and Sandra Walker, themselves exemplary citizens richly deserving of recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Martin and Sandra Walker of Maryville upon their great munificence in providing an excellent home and learning environment for Christie Elizabeth Phillips Walker, and commend their generosity, compassion and commitment to leading the examined life with conviction and courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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